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Professor G. F. Rubino
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Dear Professor Rubino:

I was pleased to be able to talk to you and learn that you will be submitting to me in the next few weeks the raw data that you have obtained in reviewing approximately 75% of the mineworkers and millers whose cause of death you are studying. Perhaps you could submit the data in the same way as the data that you gave me in Monaco so that we can compare it with the cause of death of the Italian population at the same time. If you have similar data on the asbestos workers I would be interested in seeing them also.

As I understand it, you have completed the study of the asbestos workers, are halfway through the study of the rural population to be used as a control and are three-quarters of the way through the review of the records of the miners and workers. It is my understanding that you will have completed your study by August or September and that you would be interested in presenting some of these data at the Italian meeting on Industrial Health to be held in October. The data that I think we would be most interested in having presented at that meeting would relate to the cause of death of the miners and millers which would show that the incidence of cancer in these subjects is no different from that of the Italian population or the rural control group. We would like to have these data formally presented and also have the data published in a suitable journal.

When I receive the data you propose to send me in the next few weeks I shall call you again as to what further action is indicated. In the meantime, I am forwarding to you under separate cover by air, a rough draft of my manuscript together with references which may be of interest to you. I shall also be forwarding to you the data presented by Dr. Peters in Miami when he forwards it to me. I shall keep you appraised of any new developments in the field of epidemiology in talc.

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Professor G. Rubino

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My best wishes to your wife.

Sincerely yours,

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